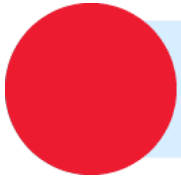




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Singapore Management University, Singapore



Host University Evaluation

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Academic life

How easy was it to figure out your course selection at your host university?

- Super simple!
- Relatively straightforward
- Pretty difficult to navigate
- It was complicated and frustrating

What did the process look like? Was it easy to register in your preferred classes?

It is not that hard to figure out, but definitely takes a bit of time to get used to. There is a bidding process with several rounds and virtual money, which is a bit confusing (and during the finals period). But once you get how it works, it's pretty easy to get what you want (I got all of my choices in the first round). One important thing is to prepare it in advance, before the rounds start. One great thing is that they give all of the syllabuses in advance.

Were your courses as academically rigorous as your McGill courses?

- Yes, they were as rigorous as my McGill courses
- They were similarly rigorous to my McGill courses
- No, they weren't as rigorous as my McGill courses

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We'd love to know more about the academic level of your courses compared to McGill. Please explain your answer to the previous question using examples, ex: assessments, readings, labs.

It was pretty much the same level and expectations as McGill classes. But attendance is always mandatory, and you can't miss more than 3 classes per course, or you get an F. All of the classes are 3 hours long.

How did the teaching quality at your host university compare to what you're used to at McGill?

<input checked="" type="radio"/>	It was better!
<input type="radio"/>	Pretty similar
<input type="radio"/>	It was much worse

Tell us about it! How did it differ from the teaching quality at McGill? What can other students expect from their profs and course work?

Classes at SMU are capped at 45 people, and participation is very much encouraged. My consumer behavior class is the most fascinating I've ever had. We also had a lot of in-class exercises, which was very nice and made the classes go quicker.

What were the main evaluation methods in your courses?

Group projects, small assignments and finals. I had only 2 midterms out of 4 classes.

How would you describe the evaluation and grading methods at your host university? Please select as many adjectives as applies!

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Unfair
<input type="checkbox"/> Transparent	<input type="checkbox"/> Complicated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Easy to understand	<input type="checkbox"/> Difficult to understand
<input type="checkbox"/> Similar methods to McGill	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Different methods from McGill

Is there anything else you'd like to share about the academic experience at your host university?

They really use the curve, also to get your grade down. Be aware of that.

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Student Life

Were you satisfied by the welcome and orientation services provided to you by your host university?

<input checked="" type="radio"/> Very satisfied, everything was clear	<input type="radio"/> Pretty satisfied
<input type="radio"/> I was able to figure things out, but it took some time	<input type="radio"/> Pretty confusing
<input type="radio"/> Very confusing, I was lost	

What is the best resource that helped you find your way at your host university?

SMU students.

What was the campus environment like at your host university? Please describe your experience on campus with regards to safety, social opportunities, accessibility, etc.

It was very safe, a lot of events and clubs were happening on campus. It is downtown, very well located in Singapore. The campus is very modern.

Where did you live? Was it easy to find housing? Did you receive any support from your host university?

I lived with my godmother, so I did not need any help finding accommodation.

What advice would you share with students travelling to your host university? Briefly give up to 3 tips!

Share an apartment with 5 other people instead of going to the residences.

Don't worry too much about the academics, take the time to visit and travel: you'll regret it if you don't.

Plan your class schedule well (spread all of your classes on two or three consecutive days only) so that you can have long weekends to travel, you can't miss more than 3 classes for each course.

What advice would you share with students who will live in your host city? Briefly give up to 3 tips!

Spend time visiting all of Singapore's neighborhoods, it might be a small country but there's so many things to see and do!

Don't forget to pack jackets/jumpers, it might be hot outside but they put the AC super low, you'll often be cold during classes or when you go in buildings in general.

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